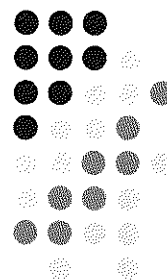




EMISSIONS SAFETY TESTING

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Program Enforcement

As of July of 2012, over 200,000 vehicles have been safety and emission tested in Rhode Island. We would like to thank the Inspectors and Stations for their expertise and continued participation in the inspection program.

Unfortunately, there are some stations and inspectors that choose to circumvent the rules, jeopardizing the safety and health of all. In an ongoing effort to support the integrity of the Safety and Emissions inspection program, the DMV and Systech International work together

speciation data monitoring, covert audits, challenge inspections, road checks, and complaint investigations. Violators will be caught, and upon conviction, subjected to fines, suspensions, and or revocations. In the past year, the Safety and Emission Control Hearing Board has issued over 150 suspensions to stations and inspectors for fraudulent emissions tests and/or improper safety inspections. Those convicted of federal statutes, such as the Clean Air Act, risk prison time and fines that can run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In fact, just this year two inspection stations in the Bronx were fined \$930,000 by New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and over \$50,000 by the New York DMV. Two certified inspectors, Manuel R. Inoa and Ramon B. Reyes, used electronic simulators to falsify a whopping 5,372 state emissions inspections over a two year period. Licenses for the inspec-

tors and their inspection stations were revoked. DEC staff uncovered the "electronic signature" of the simulation devices through analysis of inspection data. This kind of enforcement action is common in many states. In this case, the action was a cooperative effort of three New York agencies: the DEC, DMV and the Office of the Attorney General, and part of a series of investigations into inspection fraud that began three years ago.

The Rhode Island Safety and Emission Inspection Laws, regulations, and procedures are intended to provide for clean air and a safe roadway for everyone and are expected to be carried out and enforced by all inspectors. If an issue cannot be clarified by referring to the RI Official Manual for Vehicle Inspection, please remember that a DMV Inspector may be reached during normal office hours at 401-222-2983.



to ensure that vehicles are being properly inspected and repaired.

Please be aware that compliance is vigorously enforced through routine enhanced in-

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Reciprocity with other states for testing out-of-state vehicles

Sometimes a vehicle may not be in Rhode Island during the month that its current inspection approval expires. Understandably, the owner should not be obligated to return the vehicle to Rhode Island solely for the purpose of inspection.

This holds true for out-of-state vehicle owners who are in Rhode Island during the time their home state's inspection is due. Fortunately, many states will accept a VIR (Vehicle Inspection Report) from Rhode Island. Therefore, don't be surprised when a motorist with out-of-state plates asks for an inspection. Just remember: when entering vehicle data, use

the correct state as it appears on the vehicle's license plate.

For our citizens, the State of Rhode Island will accept the certificate of inspection and approval issued for a Rhode Island vehicle that was not in the state during the month that its inspection approval expired, providing that the out-of-state authority has a similar safety and emissions inspection law.

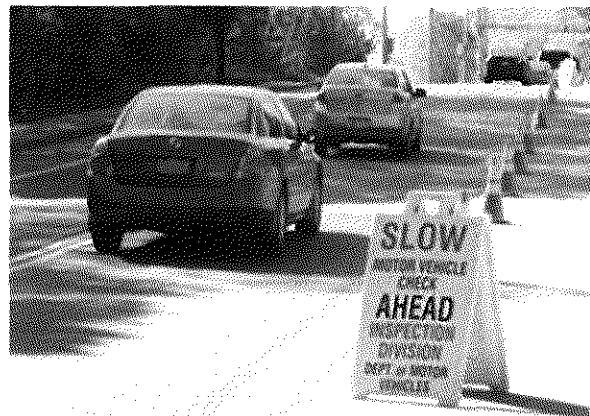
These regulations are not to be interpreted to mean that a Rhode Island registered vehicle can be taken out-of-state to be inspected. This privilege is only granted to vehicles that are not in Rhode Island during the expiration

month of the current approval. The out-of-state inspection certificate will be honored until the next required inspection period or until the out-of-state approval expires, whichever comes first.

In the event that a vehicle has not been inspected in another state, the vehicle is allowed five (5) DMV business days upon its return to the State of Rhode Island in which to obtain an inspection approval. The burden of proof that the vehicle was out-of-state at the time the existing inspection approval expired is solely the responsibility of the registered owner.

DMV Roadside Vehicle Safety Checks

This year, roadside vehicle safety checks have been conducted by DMV and local police departments. To date, over ten checkpoint locations have been set up throughout the State, resulting in 624 Notice and Demand tags issued for overdue inspections and other safety violations, 69 summonses, and 23 arrests. This collaboration between DMV and law enforcement represents an ongoing initiative to help enforce program compliance.



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Important: Inspector Re-Certification Scheduled for October 2012

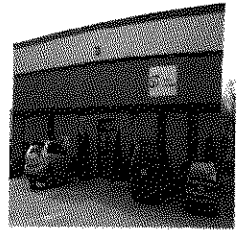
Mandatory bi-annual inspector re-certification training and testing is scheduled for October 2012. However, unlike previous years where inspectors were required to attend classroom training at local community colleges, training material will now be available online.

Inspectors can start this process by going to www.riinspection.org and clicking the re-certification

link. Upon opening the link inspectors can log onto the site using the same credentials (user name and password) used for performing inspections. Email addresses will be collected in order for inspectors to receive Systech newsletters and re-certification reminders.

Inspectors: You will be required to study the online material and confirm that you have reviewed the ma-

terial by clicking on an acceptance box on the site. You can then schedule your re-certification test by calling the Systech office. The re-certification test is comprised of 20 random multiple choice questions related to training material you reviewed on the website. A notice will be sent via a "VID Blast" message on the analyzers to let you know when the training materials are available on the website.



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Readiness Monitors

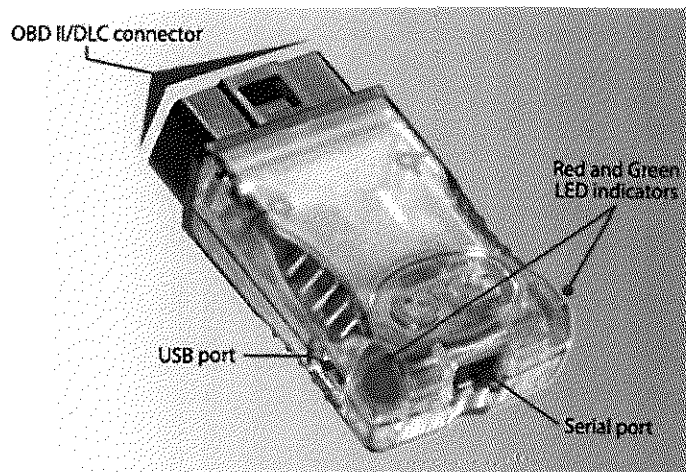
Setting readiness monitors after a repair can be a time consuming nuisance for both the motorist and the test station, though this is an EPA requirement that must be adhered to. However, a number of companies now offer readiness monitor tools you can purchase which may be beneficial to you and your customers. These devices plug in to the OBDII connector as a stand-alone module. When readiness monitors have been set, a beeping sound will notify the motorist that the car is ready to return to the shop for its retest. There are also LED indicators which turn from red to green when the readiness monitors are set.

These readiness monitor tools are programmable to allow one or two readiness monitors to be "un-set" depending on state regulations. In Rhode Island, two "un-set" monitors are allowed on vehicles for model year 1996 to 2000

and one "un-set" monitor for vehicle model year 2001 and newer.

One drawback involves keeping track of which customer is driving around with your readiness monitor tool, and most shops take a deposit to ensure the device's return. Even so, you and your customer may find this option more convenient than having the customer ping-pong back and forth to your shop.

Systech uses and sells the **OTC 3358 Ready Scan Readiness Monitor Tool** in our programs. This self-powered, compact tool (3"x1"x1") displays status via red and green LEDs in 15 seconds (green = ready). The built-in speaker produces a two-second tone every five minutes when the vehicle becomes ready, and the tool shuts itself off when the vehicle is not running. The OTC and other brands of readiness monitor tools are available at most major parts suppliers.

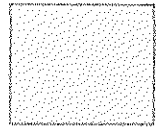


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